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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private sector telecom companies are following the rules set for launching telecom services in time for providing their services in villages;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against said companies and to expand telecom network?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) All the Basic Private Service Operators (BPSOs), who were issued license in 1997, have migrated to Unified Access Service License (UASL) in November, 2003. According to the guidelines of UASL, there is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas under the migrated UASL license.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.